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APPLICANT: Whitehead
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TITLE: METHODS FOR DETERMINING STEROID RESPONSIVENESS

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 25, 2003 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time to up and including October 27, 2003. Applicant believes that no other fees are due. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-60), drawn to methods of determining steroid responsiveness using nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6. Applicants also elect the following species: (1) Inflammatory Mediator: Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha; (2) Gene 1: Serum Amyloid A1; (3) Gene 2: Serum Amyloid A2; (4) Disease: Arthritis; (5) Steroid: Prednisol.

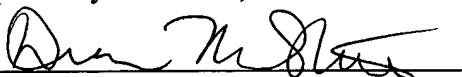
Applicants do not waive or abandon any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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